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Democratic Negroes After the Loaves and Fishes—The Leader of the Unwashed in Durand Vile.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Political circles have been in considerable excitement this week on account of sudden developments in the squabble between local democratic Negroes for ascendancy in that party. The dusky disciples of the meek and lowly jackass have never in their history in this county known a hour of peaceable and harmonious co-operation, but every meeting they have held, or tried to hold, has ended in a row, and has caused endless disputes and never-ending feuds.

A short time ago, Harvey Thompson, then a new and zealous convert to the cause, but now holding down a government job under the republicans at Washington, knocked "old man" J. Milton Turner into a senseless heap at the democratic headquarters because they couldn't agree on the "divvy" of the spoils. Since that time "Milt" too has walked the gang-plank, and is now doing some thinking by himself on some lonely island. Captain Hannibal C. Carter, the fire-eater, and late a legislator in Mississippi, but always a democrat, in an ill advised hour, sought performance as the leader of this ungodly crowd. This brought the redoubtable and irrepressible "Jule" Taylor to the front with his little "Ax."

Julius F. Taylor claims to be head, fore front, and shoulders of the Negro democratic party by grace of his favor—or alleged favor—with the Hon. William J. Bryan. He has nothing of modesty about him, and proclaims himself from the house tops with as much of self-assertiveness as the afore said long-eared animal displays at the noon hour.

"Jule" did not propose to let "Ham" Carter get off any easier than the other pretenders. So he pricked up his ears, trotted around the city, gathered up all the thistles of gossip and stub ends of scandal that could be found; then he fasted for a week, so as to get in good shape to lay "Ham" out, and commenced to write long-winded articles, which he said, showed Carter up like a faithful mirror.

Incidentally he dragged in all the other "false leaders," and having dried them up to shreds with the heat of his invective, he set the fire of libel to the bunch and saw them go up in smoke. At least, so he thought, and then he had that easy, satisfied feeling that a cat has just after dining on a canary.

But last Friday morning, an inconsiderate constable, armed with a State warrant, went to the untamed editor's house on Armour avenue, and placed Jule under arrest on a charge of criminal libel. This put a new face on the matter, and a still hunt for bond-commenced. Judge Underwood accepted bonds and continued the case for a hearing until next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the question is, where will Jule spend the next year? With some suspicion that it may be in the large brick building on the North side, where many other good democrats have tarried at various times to expiate their sins. Of course, if it comes to this, there will be no more democratic party for Jule is the democratic party, and Negro democracy will die with him.

But the others of the bunch are happy. Will Clark is taking an extra drink every hour, he is so tickled at his brother's downfall; Ham Carter is so busy laughing that he has forgotten to "cuss" since Friday; Jim Miller actually looks taller since he experienced the joy of laughing in his sleeve at "Broad-Ax" Taylor; Sam Watkins has but one regret that Taylor was not arrested out at the 35th Street Station where he could prosecute him.

Taylor is getting ready for a fight, and will be as stubborn about going to jail as the emblem of democracy is about pulling a load. He has retained Albert B. George and they are getting ready to pollute the air with the inside history of the doings of infant Negro democracy. George defended "Jake" Parks when "Dan" Jackson had him arrested for criminal libel last December, and got him off. That was a republican wash day; people are wondering if George will get Taylor out of this scrape as easily as he did Parks.

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